Network 27, Network Meeting, August 20, 2026

1. Update ECER 2025, Belgrade

The ECER conference in Belgrade had 2617 participants from 73 countries.
Network 27 received 105 submissions: 82 papers, 20 posters, 2 ignite talks and 1 symposium. 31 rejections (20 papers, 15 posters, 1 ignite talk) led to a rejection rate of 29 %. Due to late withdrawals, the final programme comprised 20 sessions, 60 papers, 5 posters and 1 ignite talk. The 2025 special call of the network, "Teaching and Learning in Times of Uncertainty. Didactics, societal demands and individual needs in a changing world", was well responded to with 53 submissions**.** The network offered a Tuesday morning workshop, which was well attended. For more information see webpage:

https://eera-ecer.de/fileadmin/user_upload/Documents/Networks/NW27/Network_27__Minutes_Network_Meeting_ECER_2025__Belgrade.pdf

2. ECER 2026, Tampere

The ECER conference in Tampere had 3845 participants from 84 countries.
Network 27 received 195 submissions: 134 papers, 35 posters, 9 ignite talks, 5 panel discussions and 7 symposia. 64 papers, 30 posters, 9 ignite talks and 1 panel discussion were rejected, leading to a rejection rate of 45,65 %. The reviewing process continued with the use of the long reviewing format. The final programme comprised 34 sessions, 70 papers, 6 posters, 4 panel discussions and 7 symposia.
The round table "Connecting with Finnish research in didactics", organised by Anke Wegner, took place as the first session of our network. This planning choice provided a particularly interesting conference start and will be continued in the next years, with further fine tuning in the prompt for the participating researchers in order to achieve an even sharper picture of the didactics research arena in the host country.
The double panel discussion organized by Florence Ligozat for the occasion of the 20th anniversary of the network ("20 years of the EERA Network 27: European Didactics Research from Foundations to Future Directions") was received very well and will provide interesting starting points for further panel discussions in the upcoming conference in Debrecen.
The 2026 special call "Educational research on didactics, teaching and learning in times of uncertainty. Societal demands, individual needs and scientific contributions in a changing world" was very well responded to with 105 submissions.
The Tuesday morning workshop, maintained by Laura Tamassia and Anatoli Rakhkochkine, was very well attended, received positive feedback and will be planned for 2027 as well.
The organisational complexity of this year's conference, due to the increase in the number of participants, limited the possibility to organise joint sessions to 2: 1 with network 31 (language and education) and 1 with network 4 (inclusive education).
To conclude, this year's conference, marking the 20th anniversary of network 27, proved to be a particularly rich and successful one for our network. Very positive feedback has been received concerning the following points: (a) quality of the venues and local organisation; (b)

quality of the presenters and presentations in all sessions (possibly a positive consequence of the higher rejection rate for our network this year?); (c) high number of symposia (7) and panel discussions (4,) leading to stimulating international collaborations and discussions within the network.
Finally, a question about the reasons behind the higher rejection rate this year has been raised and several arguments in relation to this issue have been discussed, in particular: (i) the need to be selective due to an unprecedentedly high number of submissions; (ii) the disproportionately large number of submissions from a single country, in most cases not reaching the required quality for presentation; (iii) the role of AI. In relation to these issues, new challenges for the reviewing process have also been discussed.

3. ECER 2027, Debrecen

Information was given on the upcoming ECER conference in Debrecen (Learning Communities in Education. Individual Paths and Shared Futures in a Changing World), which will take place from August 30th to September 3rd , 2027.
The network aims at maintaining a high number of symposia and panel discussions.
The Tuesday morning workshop and the round table "Connecting with Hungarian Research in Didactics" will also take place.

4. Composition of the convenors team

The convenors team has changed: Jérôme Santini (Nice, University of Côte d'Azur) accepted to be nominated as a new co-convenor, and he was elected.
He will strengthen the convenors team which for the rest remains unchanged with respect to last year. Anke Wegner (Trier) is link convenor, Laura Tamassia (Hasselt) deputy link convenor. Further co-convenors are Marte Blikstadt-Balas, Oslo; Georg Breidenstein, Halle; May Jehle, Mainz; Benoît Lenzen, Geneva; Florence Ligozat, Geneva; Eva Lundqvist, Uppsala; Matthias Martens, Köln; Anatoli Rakhkochkine, Erlangen-Nürnberg; Gérard Sensevy, Rennes.

5. AOB (Any Other Business)

The network dinner took place on Thursday at the restaurant Grill it! Paja, with 23 participants.
The issue of who will maintain the network 27 blog has been brought up and will have to be discussed further by the convenors' team.